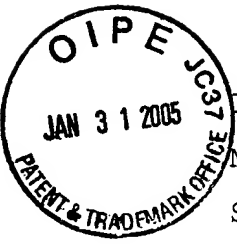


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Amendment

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2004, for which a one month extension of time is being requested, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Argument begin on page 9 of this paper.